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1. NATO ASSISTANT SECRETARY GENERAL (DEFENSE PLANNING AND POLICY) HUMPHREYS MET TODAY AT HIS REQUEST WITH US, UK AND FRG DRC REPS TO DISCUSS BONN GROUP OBJECTION TO VISIT TO BERLIN. HE EXPRESSED REGRET AT BONN GROUP ACTION, SAYING IT HAD NEVER BEEN HIS INTENTION THAT DRC VISIT BERLIN AS AN OFFICIAL NATO BODY, BUT THAT HE HAD HOPED IT WOULD B POSSIBLE FOR INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS, PARTICULARLY THOSE WHHO HAD NOT PREVIOUSLY VISITED BERLIN, TO DO SO AT CONCLUSION OF THEIR VISIT TO GERMANY. HE THOUGHT IT WAS PARTICULARLY IMPORTANT FOR THOSE INVOLVED IN DEFENSE SIDE OF ALLIANCE WORK TO SEE BERLIN AT FIRST HAND.
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2. HUMPHREYS SAID THAT, IF VISIT BY ALL DRC MEMBERS NOT POSSIBLE AT THIS TIME, HE HOPED AT LEAST THAT THERE WOULD BE NO OBJECTION TO SOME MEMBERS LEAVING GROUP TOWARD END OF DRC STAY IN FRG AND TRAVELING TO BERLIN AS INDIVIDUALS BY COMMERCIAL

AIR FOR VISIT OF A DAY OR TWO. THEY WOULD NOT NEED ELABORATE ARRANGEMENTS IN BERLIN, BUT PERHAPS SOME BRIEF PROGRAM COULD BE ARRANGED FOR THEM. HE SUGGESTED THAT THOSE DRC MEMBERS WHO HAD ALREADY SEEN BERLIN (INCLUDING HIMSELF AND, INCIDENTALLY, US DRC REP) COULD SKIP VISIT TO KEEP DOWN NUMBERS AND CONTRIBUTE TO INFORMAL NATURE OF TRIP. US, UK AND FRG REPS UNDERTOOK TO PUT IDEA TO THEIR AUTHORITIES.

3. MISSION COMMENT.
UNDESIRABLE ASPECTS OF VISIT
WOULD SEEM TO BE MINIMIZED BY HUMPHREYS' SUGGESTED
ALTERNATIVE APPROACH. END COMMENT. ACTION REQUESTED. WASHINGTON
REACTION TO HUMPHREYS' PROPOSAL.
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